

COUNCIL BRIEFS

February 26, 2016

Residential E-Waste Collection now offered at the Yard Waste and Recycling Center:

Take 2 Inc., a Connecticut-based recycling company, is now providing a container at the Yard Waste and Recycling Center for residents to drop off their unwanted electronics. Residents can now bring their old computers, monitors, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, PDAs, copiers, microwaves, telephones, and other small appliances to Recycling Center for recycling. Items not accepted under the residential electronics recycling program include smoke detectors, hazardous materials and liquids, and air conditioners. A Day Pass or an Annual Recycling Permit is necessary for drop-off. Proof of residency is required. Stop in to the Recycling Center Office, 25 Brixton Street, to obtain a Day Pass or Recycling Permit. [Click here for hours of operation.](#)

Mayflower Street Bridge project begins

March 1: The Connecticut Department of Transportation will start work on the Mayflower Street Bridge on or about the week of March 1 and be completed by December 2016. The \$6.28 million state rehabilitation project consists of replacing the existing bridge deck, structural steel members, and parapets.

Construction will occur in two stages. A travel lane will be maintained on Mayflower Street to accommodate alternating one-way traffic.

Boswell Road and Elmhurst Street will be closed at Mayflower Street for the duration of the project. Signed detours for both streets is expected to be in place on or around March 20th. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained at all times using the sidewalk next to the travel lane.

Our Town Directors & Books They Love:

Look for the READ posters featuring our town department directors as you enter the Noah Webster Library lobby, 20 South Main Street. The library's new series highlights the favorite books of people who live or work in West Hartford. Featured directors to date are:

* Robert Palmer, Plant & Facilities Director: [Frozen in Time](#) - An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II (by Mitchell Zuckoff).

* John Phillips, Public Works Director: [Katy and the Big Snow](#) - A story of the tractor that helps the town during a terrible blizzard (by Virginia Lee Burton).

* Tracey Gove, Police Chief: [Outliers: The Story of Success](#) - Why some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives (by Malcolm Gladwell).

Host Home places teens in safe environments:

The Bridge Family Center is offering a new program called Host Home, which places youths ages 11-17 in need of respite from their current living situation, in safe, stable, temporary home environments. Host parents will work with the Bridge staff, the youth, and his or her family to facilitate a safe transition to a more permanent home. Placements will typically be for 21 days. Host parents will receive a modest daily stipend, ongoing training and support, and the gratification of making a difference in someone's life. For more information about how to become a Host Home and foster a child, contact Mike Rulnick, Director of Residential Services, at 860-521-6890.

Elderly Homeowner Tax Relief available:

West Hartford homeowners age 65 years and older as of December 31, 2015 who have a maximum annual income of \$35,200 for a single individual and \$42,900 for a married couple, may be eligible for a minimum of \$150 off their tax bill and up to a maximum of \$1,250. The filing period is February 2-May 15.

Homeowners should contact the Assessment Office at 561-7414. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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